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1. According to a Spanish Communist in Caracas, Spanish Republican immigrants to Venezuela have been able to become citizens of that country prior to the fulfillment of the two years' residence requirement if they can prove they were members of the Union Radical Democratica (Radical Democratic Union), or that they were members of the Partido Extremista Izquierdista (Extreme Leftist Party), prior to 1936. This same individual reported that the Spanish Communist movement had been greatly aided by Accion Democratica (AD-Democratic Action) government officials.
2. The Spanish Communist in Caracas added that secret offices had been established in la Guaira, Puerto Cabello, and on the Island of Margarita for Spanish Communists entering Venezuela illegally. At these points they could obtain Venezuelan identity cards and some means of support. Dr. Andres Eloy Blanco, ex-Foreign Minister who is now in Paris, and Romulo Betancourt allegedly were responsible for the great influx of Spanish Republicans to Venezuela. Jose Padron Irazabal is the Chief of the Venezuelan Selecting Mission in Paris and is known to work closely with Andrew Cordova, who is suspected of being pro-Communist.
3. The Casa de Espana in Venezuela, which has been a headquarters for Spanish Communists and Spanish Republicans in general, has been temporarily closed. Headquarters are now apparently at the same location as the organization known as the "Friends of Republican Spain."

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